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Forest Service Manti-La Sal **National Forest**

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Charles A. Semborski Geology/Permitting Supervisor **Energy West Mining Co** PO Box 310 Huntington, UT 84528

Dear Mr. Semborski:

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge receipt of PacifiCorp/Energy West's proposed 2003-drilling plan on State Coal Lease ML-48258 (SITLA coal estate/National Forest System surface estate). Your proposed plan involves drilling three (3) holes not completed during the summer of 2002. In addition, two (2) additional holes are proposed in the Crandall Canyon area.

In order for PacifiCorp to receive authorization to occupy National Forest System lands for the proposed operations, PacifiCorp must submit a new Special-Use Application to extend the existing permit and add the additional holes. In addition, a new Road-Use Permit Application must be submitted. The Forest Service has the options of extending the existing permit or issuing a new Road-Use Permit.

The Forest Service decisions will be based on an appropriate level of environmental analysis and documentation. We anticipate completing the analysis and releasing the decisions prior to July 15, 2003.

If you require additional information please contact Tom Lloyd at (435)-636-3596.

Sincerely,

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